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The Inside Pitch

Playoff action starts in local baseball loop

By Lee-Ann Brinovec
T-Ball

These young ball players have been practising since May, and were quite anxious to put their new skills to the test in an actual game.

T-Ball team 2, coached by Mary Grande and Sabrina Critelli, hosted the friendly game this past week at the lower diamond in King City. Their competition was the King team 1, coached by Chad Ferguson. The parents were eager to see what their children had learned, and they were not disappointed.

Team 2 got their bats working from the start, as all the players made it to first base and beyond. Anthony Critelli and Anthony Grande must have been paying attention to their older brothers, because they were both hitting the ball to the green. Teammates Masey Lloyd, Jackson Maier and Joshua Longa all followed their lead, getting solid base hits. When they took to the field, their many practices of catching and throwing had

really paid off as they got the ball back to the infield quickly and they manned their bases with expertise.

It was a fun night, and really showed how baseball games should be played; lots of fun, laughs and showing off their "stuff."

The King Township Baseball Association (KTBA) has some really great young stars and their names will be mentioned again for many years to come.

Junior rookie

The sun was blazing and the heat was radiating off the well-manicured infield at the lovely Pottageville Park last Tuesday as our Tile Source (K1) junior rookie's faced Aurora's Home Hardware in the first game of the playoffs.

The King team appeared to be focused, even in warm-ups, and once the first pitch was launched they took the lead and never looked back.

The first inning saw Jessie Becker roaming the outfield and using her strong

arm, to hold the Aurora team to singles. Nicholas Lauriola played a defensive pitching position and combined with Jordan Chantiam on first to make some impressive outs. Lucas Critelli used his speed to chase down sizzling line drives on second. The inning ended with a heads-up play by Erin Becker at home plate, getting an out on what would have been the go-ahead run for Aurora. At the plate, Austin Anderson put everything he had into a crushing hit that earned him a double, which was duplicated moments later by Critelli and then topped off by a home run by Emily Brinovec.

As the game progressed and fielding positions were shuffled, Aurora could not find a weak spot in the lineup. Greg Long took over second base and stopped anything that was headed up the middle, and Lauriola came through under pressure at home plate to make the out on what would have again been Aurora's go-ahead run. It looked like the nemesis of the Aurora batters would be our strong King catchers.

Batting 1.000 on the night were Jessie Becker,

Jake Hansen, Rory Paric, Angelo Grande, Anderson, and Critelli.

Player of the game honors went to Tile Sources' youngest ball player, Austin Anderson. This young man has once again found his groove at the plate going two-for-two and was a reliable fielder in this close game.

This has been a great season for this young team, and each player has greatly improved, as we finish with the regular season and head into the playoffs a special note of thanks is owed to

Assistant Coaches Alison Keilty Erin Chantiam, and Brennan Anderson.

Mosquito

The last regular season game for the Armstrong Petroleums (K1) team was against King City Auto (K2) in Nobleton last Tuesday. K1 team finished their season on a winning note, handing their fellow Cobras a 15-9 loss, brining their season totals to nine wins, eight losses and one tie.

The bats of Armstrong Petroleums made the difference in the game, with Daniel Luccia leading the

way, cranking out a two-run homers. Andrew Cippolone drove in three runs with a triple, Mathew Ardizzi and Kyle Symond crossed home plate twice each, and the girl power combination of Kayla Blackbird and Brianna Forletta provided four runs for Armstrong. In her first start as pitcher, Forletta got some much-appreciated help from her teammates and was able to get the three outs; only surrendering one run. Part of that team defence came from Luccia at third and Nicholas Bell at home, combining to make a picture perfect out. They held King City Auto scoreless in the third on the strength of Alex Brunato in the outfield.

Armstrong Petroleums played host to Green Point Lasers Thursday and came away with a very decisive 12-6 victory in their first playoff game of the season.

Taking the mound in the first, Francesco Amanteo shut down the Aurora batters in order and relied on his teammates to get out of the second inning, only allowing one run. When Armstrong Petroleums got their chance to bat, Luccia brought in the first two runs of the game on a long triple, and Brianna Forletta contributed two more when she connected for her second home run of the season. The story of the game was Joshua Hollings,


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MEET THE COBRAS

Steve LaVerde

For a while last season, it appeared that Steven was uncertain as to whether to try out for the rep team or not. Now that the season is coming to an end, both he and the coaches are extremely pleased that the decision was "yes." Not only has he provided the team with its most consistent effort at first base, and batted in the middle of the lineup, but Steve also brings a refreshing, level-headed attitude to each game; a reminder that the boys are playing a game, and that this game should be enjoyed. In addition to first base, Steve also has worked hard as one of the team's relief pitchers, improving his mechanics and strengthening his arm. Look for Steve on the roster of the high school team at King City Secondary School next season.



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**Another
win for
Primus**

Primus Canada posted another win last Tuesday in under-8 boys' play in the King City Youth Soccer Club, and this time, it was against Silani Cheese of Schomberg.

Cody Morgan and Andrew Oppedisano each contributed a goal to the 2-0 victory, and Blake Anderson was named player of the game for the winners.